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Dual visions and dynamic tensions

January 17, 6:00 pm
Rabb Lecture Hall
Boston Public Library
Free and all are welcome
architects.org/lectureseries

THERE IS A DIVERGENCE, argues Cambridge architect and planner Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA, between the profession and the public in the appreciation of what makes good architecture and urbanism. While most architects admire Boston's City Hall, almost everyone else does not. Urban renewal, undertaken with the noblest of motives, notes Murray, came to a halt in the face of popular opposition.

There are many examples of architecture and urbanism that excite wildly divergent responses from architects and the general public. At the **January 17** edition of the BSA Lecture Series, Murray explores the options for progressive and innovative approaches to the built environment that have resonance beyond the hermetic world of the profession.

Educated in the United Kingdom, Murray has worked in the US, Great Britain, and East Africa on a wide range and scale of buildings and urban projects, focusing on educational facilities, urban housing

and commercial development. From 1989–1992 he was the chief architect on Boston's Central Artery project and worked on a number of transit projects. Since establishing his own practice in 1998, he has worked on university campus planning in the US and overseas and the design of school buildings and urban residential development. He is the 2007 president of the Boston Society of Architects. ■ CE

Ed. note: To read more, visit architectureboston.com and view the May/June 2006 and May/June 2005 issues of ArchitectureBoston.

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smart growth
for a smarter future

BSA welcomes
new state
legislators

January 23, 8:30 am
Register by: January 12
architects.org/lac

ON JANUARY 23, the BSA Legislative Affairs Committee and AIA Massachusetts host the biennial Freshman Legislators Breakfast. This breakfast, for new state senators and representatives, takes place at 8:30 am in the Wheatley Terrace room of the Omni Parker House. This event gives architects an opportunity to meet newly elected Beacon Hill leaders, while providing these legislators with an introduction to the BSA and a guide to key BSA resources.

The breakfast is free and open to all architects in Massachusetts on a space-available basis. To reserve your seat for this event, call/write Andrew Baldwin at the BSA at 617-951-1433 x242/abaldwin@architects.org no later than **January 12**.

BSA honors Barnes at ICA event

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)
January 23, 6:00 pm
Free and all are welcome
RSVP by: January 17, 1:00 pm



Rebecca Barnes FAIA

Rebecca Barnes FAIA is the 2006 recipient of the BSA Award of Honor, the BSA's most prestigious honor, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the profession over a significant period of time. As chief planner for the city of Boston, past BSA president, and a leader of numerous successful ventures such as the Civic Initiative for a Liveable New England (now the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance), Barnes has been a consistently effective urban design and smart-growth leader for countless years in Boston and elsewhere in the country.

The Award of Honor will be presented to Barnes on **January 23** during a special reception in the new Water Café at the ICA in Boston. Join us as a few of Barnes' friends and colleagues offer humorous/serious/

intriguing reflections on Barnes' career—which has ranged from Seattle to Puerto Rico and beyond before finally returning to our region as chief planner for the City of Boston and now director of strategic growth for Brown University.

All members and nonmembers are welcome. There is no charge but **reservations are required and space is limited**. To reserve your spot, write/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433 x221.

For the public good...a new BSA network

The Architects Building
January 22, 8:00 am
RSVP by: January 19, noon

The creation of the Community Design Resource Center (CDRC) of Boston by the BSA and the BAC and the creation in California of Public Architecture (and its advocacy of pro bono commitments by design firms) are two recent examples of high-profile efforts to make design services available to a wide variety of underserved constituencies.

While the architecture profession is generally highly respected in society and although many in our profession regu-

larly provide pro bono services, the provision of those services is not often included in our firms' business plans. It could be said that our work by its very nature contributes to the quality of life in our cities and towns and we might assume that's enough—I would suggest, however, that it is for this very reason that we should incorporate pro bono services in our business plans. I am proposing that we come together in a new BSA network to determine how to move toward the creation of an intentional corporate strategy that supplements the work of groups such as the CDRC and Public Architecture.

The initial meeting of the Pro Bono Network is 8:00 am on **January 22** at The Architects Building. All interested members and nonmembers are encouraged to attend and bring examples of pro bono firm commitments articulated in a business plan or ideas on how to achieve such. RSVP to the BSA (617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org) by noon on **January 19**. With comments and suggestions, write me at sjp@archtelier.us. ■ CE

Steven J. Paradis, Assoc. AIA
Chair, Pro Bono Network

Engineers and architects form new BSA network

The Architects Building

January 8, 8:00 am

Register by: January 4, 4:00 pm

bsa@architects.org

ISSUES SUCH AS how architects and engineers can work more collaboratively and more effectively share details on project successes and failures have spurred the creation of a new architects and engineers network, which meets for the first time on **January 8**.

All architects and engineers interested in discussing how to develop interdisciplinary initiatives that serve both professions are encouraged to attend the meeting at 8:00 am at The Architects Building. There is no charge, but registration is required. RSVP to bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433 x221 no later than 4:00 pm on **January 4**. ■ **CE**

Nick Ferzacca PE, LEED

Projecting a professional image

The Architects Building

January 10, 6:00 pm

Spring Fling event: March 22

THE BSA MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE has developed a series of career development events to help emerging professionals (or those making career changes) get started in the professional realm.

On **January 10**, Rider Hunt Levett & Bailey marketing coordinator Wendy Dalwin and Fern Fergus of Initiative for a New Economy discuss "Professional Image and the Crucial First Impression." They describe how

The Architects Building

January 9, 7:00–9:00 pm

Register by: January 8, 9:30 am

architects.org/conversations

IN "CONVERSATIONS ON ARCHITECTURE,"

the annual series of monthly design explorations hosted by Brian Healy AIA, leading architects, landscape architects, planners, designers, and educators gather to discuss the current state of architecture in an informal conversation format.

Our guest provocateur on **January 9** is architect/artist/educator Kelly Wilson. Since 1996, Wilson has been on the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where he is currently an adjunct associate professor teaching freehand drawing, architecture, and visual design. He has taught at MIT, Yale, RISD, and Auburn, and his own drawings and paintings are frequently exhibited.

Wilson talks about his own paintings and the type of visual research he does with architec-

ture, drawing, and painting. He presents examples on the visual structure of several buildings in Rome and in Boston (Villa Julia, Boston Public Library entrance sequence, Aalto's Baker dorm cafeteria), an analysis of Turner's watercolor, "The North Gallery at Night," and shares his thoughts on the state of drawing in architecture. Examples of his work enhance the interactive discussion.

Reservations are required for this 7:00–9:00 pm gathering; all members and nonmembers are welcome. The \$10 fee (\$5 for BSA members and for full-time design students) includes ample food and drink. Space is limited to 30 on a first-come/first-served basis; reserve your seat by downloading a form at architects.org/reservations and returning it by 9:30 am on **January 8**. ■ **CE**

Ed. note: Previous conversations have been led by Chris Reed ASLA, Mark Goulthorpe, Ed Mitchell AIA, Brian Healy

to establish a level of trust in a first meeting and what style of dress is appropriate for different settings. According to Dalwin, the most significant element is the ability to interact successfully with current/potential clients, peers, supervisors and members of your profession—and this discussion will help get you on the right path. RSVP by calling/writing the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org; there is no charge.

Future topics include career wayfinding, preparing your portfolio, and balancing life and career. Watch future issues of the ChapterLetter and Currents for more information on these evening discussions. ■ **CE**

The Membership Committee is also planning this year's spring fling for **March 22** with the theme of "Night of a Dozen Parties." The committee is seeking volunteers to help coordinate the evening's festivities, select venues, and help contact BSA members to encourage participation. For more information and to volunteer, write Kate Miller at kmiller@architects.org or Leslie Saul IIDA, AIA at leslie@lesliesaul.com.

Architecture and the art of drawing



Kelly Wilson, "Hudson River, 62nd Street" (oil on canvas, 24" x 25"), 2004.

AIA, Yung Ho Chang, Andrea Leers FAIA and Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, landscape architect Michael Boucher, Jennifer Siegal, Ann Pendleton-Jullian, and Kevin Daly AIA. For a complete list of guest speakers, go to architects.org/conversations.

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Visit us for committee meetings, general information, or to purchase AIA Contract Documents.

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■ CE/HSW

Continuing-education credits, required for all architects registered in Massachusetts, are offered at most BSA events and workshops. Look for the [■ **CE**] symbol throughout this newsletter for programs that qualify. Visit architects.org/ce for more information. Events described in the ChapterLetter followed by a [■ **CE/HSW**] designation also qualify for AIA Health, Safety, and Welfare Learning Units.



Lulu Wang Campus Center, Wellesley College. Designed by Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects. Photo: Peter Vanderwarker.

Harleston Parker Medal honors Wellesley campus center

architects.org/awards

At the BSA Annual Meeting last month, the membership voted to confer the 2006 Harleston Parker Medal for Architectural Excellence on Wellesley College's Lulu Wang Campus Center designed by Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects of Atlanta.

This month, the project is highlighted in the an-

nual design awards issue of *ArchitectureBoston*, which is on newsstands now (and which also includes projects honored in all 2006 BSA design awards programs—see p. 5). An award event at the Campus Center is planned for later this year.

The jury that recommended the Wang Campus Center for this award was chaired by former BSA president George Metzger AIA (HMFH

Architects) and included Ed Allen FAIA (Edward Allen FAIA, Architect), Phyllis Andersen (Arnold Arboretum), Nazneen Cooper (Harvard University Physical Resources and Planning), Mark Pasnik (Wentworth Institute of Technology), Ann Pendleton-Jullian (MIT), Grant Rhode (GF Rhode Construction), Laura Solano (Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates),

Josiah Stevenson AIA (Leers Weinzapfel Associates), and Joan Wickersham (novelist/essayist; *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board).

For more information on the Parker Medal, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA at 617-951-1433 x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org.

Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA President

Emerging practices sought for BSA series

The Architects Building
March 14, 7:00–9:00 pm
Submission deadline: January 22
architects.org/conversations

IN KEEPING WITH OUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE NEXT GENERATION of architects, educators, and designers, the BSA invites emerging practices and practitioners—whether working independently or within more established firms—to send us an expression of your interest in participating in a special

edition of “Conversations on Architecture” scheduled for **March 14** (see related story on page 3).

This invitation is extended to all interested individuals and groups who fall within the self-defined category of “emerging practices.” Submissions should be limited to a six-page digital portfolio (.pdf or .doc file, 4MB maximum) formatted horizontally at 11" × 8.5". These submissions will be reviewed by a jury of former participants in this

series including Frano Violich AIA, Meejin Yoon, and series host Brian Healy AIA.

Submissions should be sent to Adam Jacobi at the BSA (ajacobi@architects.org) **no later than January 22**. Selected participants will be called shortly thereafter. Be sure to mark your calendar for the resulting “conversation” at the BSA on **March 14**.

Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA President

Committee news

The new **BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING (BIM) ROUNDTABLE** meets monthly at The Architects Building to discuss a broad range of issues raised by the adoption of building information modeling. Watch the weekly Currents e-newsletter for more information. ■ **CE**

ArchitectureBoston celebrates exceptional design

architectureboston.com

The seventh annual awards issue of *ArchitectureBoston* is being mailed to all BSA/AIA members in New England and New York and other subscribers this month.

This special January/February issue focuses on well-designed projects recognized in the BSA's 2006 design awards program on campus planning, healthcare design, housing design, interior design, unbuilt architecture, small firm projects and the BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence and the Harleston Parker Medal.

Affiliate members reception

The Architects Building

January 11, 6:00 pm

Register by: January 9, noon

BSA PRESIDENT Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA hosts the annual reception for BSA Corporate Affiliate and Professional Affiliate members on **January 11** beginning at 6:00 pm at The Architects Building.

This annual gathering welcomes contractors, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, owners/clients, attorneys, accountants, marketing wizards, and a broad range of other allies who have taken advantage of Corporate or Professional Affiliate membership in the BSA. The reception is an informal and delightful networking event.

Corporate and Professional Affiliate members should RSVP to 617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org by noon on **January 9**.

The "2006: The Year in Review" issue of the magazine also highlights other honors and awards earned last year by Massachusetts architects and allied individuals/organizations. Additional features in this issue include a look at the nature of award programs, the virtue of tall buildings, an investigation of the Big Dig, and an interview with Rebecca Barnes FAIA, recipient of the 2006 BSA Award of Honor (see p. 2).

To order additional copies, write/call Ann Fienman at afienman@architects.org/617-951-1433 x233 for details. To read the magazine online, go to architectureboston.com. If you are interested in writing for *ArchitectureBoston*, write editor Elizabeth Padjen FAIA at epadjen@architects.org.

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Architects honor State Representative Pedone

architects.org/lac

IN NOVEMBER AT BUILD BOSTON, the Massachusetts architectural community honored Massachusetts State Representative Vincent Pedone, chair of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, for his thoughtful leadership in support of a broad range of significant legislative issues.

In addition to his careful approach to professional licensure issues that affect design professionals, Pedone also has provided progressive leadership on significant and often controversial issues that address homelessness and housing, tax

reform, church/state separation, immigration, stem-cell research, and mental health benefits. Pedone, a Democrat trained as a social worker, represents Worcester's 15th District.

Over the last two decades, the AIA Massachusetts/BSA Legislative Affairs Committee has worked closely with a number of legislative leaders on Beacon Hill and has developed relationships that have proved to be invaluable when seeking advice and support for legislative initiatives. The Massachusetts architectural community has come to understand the significant role that legislators play in shaping the building industry. We urge architects and industry

allies to work with state legislators such as Rep. Pedone who are interested in issues related to the natural and built environments, our communities, and our profession.

The Legislative Affairs Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am at The Architects Building; however, this month we are hosting a special public-policy strategy session in lieu of our monthly meeting. For details, write/call Andrew Baldwin at the BSA (abaldwin@architects.org/617-951-1433 x242).

*Russel Feldman AIA, Chair
Legislative Affairs Committee*

Young designers/emerging professionals update

This young/emerging professional's page highlights the variety of programs and services available to individuals who are new to the profession.

BSA's first annual Job Fair

Raytheon Amphitheater
Northeastern University
February 17, 9:00 am
architects.org/jobfair

ON FEBRUARY 17, the BSA hosts its first Job Fair in Northeastern University's Raytheon Amphitheater. The event begins at 9:00

am in the lobby of the Egan Center, in Northeastern's central campus. The Job Fair features dozens of booths with representatives of Massachusetts architecture firms as well as a series of workshops on building an architectural career in Boston. This event is free and open to all

job seekers. For registration and other details, visit architects.org/jobfair or write/call Andrew Baldwin (abaldwin@architects.org, 617-951-1433 x242).

Ed. note: The BSA offers many job search tools at architects.org/classifieds.

ARE Success Teams forming now

The Architects Building
January 16, 5:30 pm
architects.org/aresuccess

THE BSA'S ARE SUCCESS TEAM provides intern architects preparing for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) with free study materials, a supportive group structure, and meeting/study space.

January 16's meeting is for all intern architects (members and nonmembers) who are interested in joining the program. At this meeting, groups of 10 or fewer people will develop a schedule and sequence for taking the exams. Every member of each group pledges to take all sections of the ARE as scheduled and makes a commitment to check in with other team members until all members have completed all exams. Visit architects.org/aresuccess for complete program details.

If you are interested in joining an ARE Success Team, sign up for the meeting by calling/writing the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org. With specific questions about the ARE program, call/write Jamie Segel at 617-951-1433 x223/jsegel@architects.org.

Editor's note: The BSA's online store offers Kaplan study guides at 30% off the list price. Kaplan offers multiple guides for each section of the ARE including a book, a CD-ROM test bank, a Q&A handbook, and practice vignettes. Review and purchase materials at architects.org/store (under "Books and Gifts" select "ARE Test Preparation").

Emerging professionals: does history inspire you?

Deadline: February 26, 4:00 pm
architects.org/timelessdesign

THE BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS is teaming up with Historic New England for the first young professionals Timeless Design competition, which pairs historical design (any project found within Historic New England's archives at the Otis House, 141 Cambridge Street, Boston) with your new designs inspired by

these artifacts.

Interested participants should submit a completed application, an unmounted sketch of their fresh design and a reference to their archival muse at Historic New England. The application must also include an entry fee of \$25 and a letter of intent. All material must be received together in one package by 4:00 pm on **February 26**. Entrants must be 35 years old or younger.

Ten finalists will be chosen. Finalists will receive a stipend to mount their drawings. Historic New England will mount the archival images selected by the finalists. These boards will be displayed together at The Architects Building, followed by a traveling exhibit. For more information and application details, visit architects.org/timelessdesign or call/write Jamie Segel at 617-951-1433 x223/jsegel@architects.org.

Architects, contractors, and clients train young designers

Register by: March 1
architects.org/ydpdi

MARCH 1 IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the ninth annual class in the BSA's Young Designers Professional Development Institute (YDPDI), which begins in March 2007 and runs through February 2008. This program brings young designers together for four hours each month for 12 months of training in basic office and practice skills.

This unique training opportunity has proved to be an effective means of helping young designers make the transition

from school to work. Over the course of the year, the young designers enrolled in this program are taught basic writing skills, project management skills, presentation skills, finance and budgeting management, and a good deal more. Classes are limited to 20.

To enrich this program, several years ago the BSA formed alliances with Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts and the New England Chapter of CoreNet Global, the professional association of corporate real-estate managers. This has enabled young contractors and corpo-

rate real-estate clients to participate in the YDPDI programs as well. The focus of these collaborative programs is partnering and negotiation skills.

The YDPDI program was honored in 2005 by the national AIA, which described the BSA's engagement of allied professionals such as young contractors and clients in the program as "a stroke of genius."

For more information on YDPDI, write program director Bill Ronco at wronco@gatheringpace.com or visit architects.org/ydpdi.



Build Boston after all these years

THE 22ND ANNUAL BUILD BOSTON CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW was a huge success. This year's event boasted the highest number of participants to date with more than 15,500 registered attendees, up from last year's record of 14,600. The exhibit hall was again packed with more than 300 exhibitors and the evening exhibit hall receptions were appreciated after full days of workshops. Workshops and forums on accessibility and green/sustainable design were quite popular and indicate critical needs and interests within the profession.

It's easy being green. In addition to being the biggest Build Boston yet, 2006 was the greenest Build Boston yet. The Seaport World Trade Center made great efforts to provide recycling bins for paper, plastic, and glass throughout the event and helped the BSA staff recycle extra on-site materials. We are enthusiastic that this

spring's Residential Design and Construction convention and next fall's Build Boston will yield even more sustainable results.

Another sustainable design highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New England chapters of the AIA. Following opening remarks by 2006 BSA president Jane Weinzapfel, several key players—president of AIA New England Greg Ames AIA, chief of environmental and energy services for the City of Boston James Hunt III, and undersecretary for policy for the Massachusetts EPA David Lutes—spoke on the

importance of green design and smart growth. In addition to these speakers, also signing the memorandum were Robert Varney, EPA New England; Russ Feldman AIA, AIA Massachusetts; Stephen Fleshman AIA, AIA Central Massachusetts; Martha Montgomery AIA, AIA Western Massachusetts; Arthur Guadano AIA, AIA New Hampshire; Stephen White AIA, AIA Rhode Island; John Gordon AIA, AIA Maine; Michael Hoffman AIA, AIA Vermont; and Barun Basu AIA, AIA Connecticut. To read the entire Memorandum, visit architects.org and click on "news and events."

Bestowing honors. Also at Build Boston, the Massachusetts architectural community

honored Massachusetts State Representative Vincent Pedone, chair of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, for his leadership in support of a broad range of significant legislative issues that affect the industry (see page 5).

Special thanks. This year's Women in Design Conference, highlighted by an awards luncheon honoring Doris Cole FAIA, Coco Raynes, and Adèle Naudé Santos FAIA, was sponsored by Donovan Hatem. The organizational and planning efforts of co-chairs Donna Denio, Kitty Li, Victoria Sirianni, and Nancy Stack and WID volunteers Candice Beck, Angela Dwyer and Sally Levine AIA were extraordinary. *ArchitectureBoston*, *Omni-Lite*, *Gilbane*, and *Steffian Bradley Architects* were generous sponsors.

Finally, the 2006 Build Boston Gala was a big hit. The evening was sponsored by Vanderweil Engineers, Boston Architectural College, Truant Construction Managers, and StructureTone with creative contributions to the gala design and lighting by Color Kinetics, Krent/Paffett/Carney, and Moss.

For more information on Build Boston 2006 and how you can participate in next year's event, go to architects.org/buildboston.

Build Boston 2007 already in the works. Build Boston was only two months ago but we're already thinking about the next edition. We hope you are too because the deadline for workshop proposals is 1:00 pm on March 23. Send us the title, description and all panelists' names and affiliations for the workshop you wish you had done at Build Boston last year and now hope to do this year (November 13–15, 2007). The deadline is March 23 and that is only eight weeks from the end of this month. To propose a workshop, go to architects.org/proposals and submit your proposal (with all of the required information) online.

BSA hosts design school faculty members

The Architects Building
January 30, 6:00 pm
RSVP by: January 25

ON JANUARY 30, faculty members from the BAC, Harvard GSD, MIT's School of Architecture and Planning, Northeastern's School of Architecture, the University of Massachusetts/Amherst's Architecture + Design Program and Department of Landscape

Architecture and Regional Planning, and Wentworth Institute of Technology's Department of Architecture gather for the annual faculty reception hosted by the BSA.

Beginning at 6:00 pm at The Architects Building in Boston, the reception is hosted by BSA president Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA to recognize the extraordinary impact of the region's design-school faculty on the

profession, the communities we serve, and the next generation of design and planning professionals.

All faculty members are invited to join your colleagues for this informal evening of networking and celebration. To ensure that we order adequate food and drink, RSVP to the BSA at bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433 x221 by noon on **January 25**.

Explore the Advanced Buildings program at BEC meeting

The Architects Building
January 22, 4:30 pm
architects.org/bec

AT THE JANUARY 22 Building Enclosure Council meeting, Martine Dion AIA of Symmes Maini + McKee and Fran Boucher of National Grid USA describe the Advanced Buildings program, which provides resources on the energy components of high-performance buildings to design professionals, contractors, building operators and owners. The program offers both a roadmap and an objective yardstick for the design, construction and operation of energy-efficient buildings with superior indoor air quality. Local utility companies have embraced the program as a way to substantially reduce the pay-back period for energy-efficient initiatives. The program offers ready-to-apply techniques for "beyond code" energy efficiency in lighting, building envelope, and HVAC energy efficiency concepts; this presentation focuses on the building envelope criteria section of the program.

Free and open to everyone; bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433 x221 for more information.

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KidsBuild! is finally here. KidsBuild! is at the new Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) January 27, 10:00 am–4:00 pm, for "ICA-city", a box-city building event. Hosted by the YouthVisions Committee of the BSA, this event offers a full-day of architecture-inspired activities for children and their families. Registration for this free event is strongly recommended; forms available at icaboston.org/programs/families. Interested volunteers visit architects.org/kidsbuild.

Client and architect describe private-sector development

The Architects Building
January 31, 8:00–10:00 am
Reservations by: January 29
architects.org/reservations

ON JANUARY 31, the BSA resumes its private-sector development series in which a developer or corporate client and architect discuss the objectives, challenges, influences, and results of a recent project.

This month's guests focus on New York City-based Twining Properties' development of Watermark Residences I and II (at left), the residential towers designed by CBT adjacent

to the Genzyme building in Cambridge's Kendall Square. Twining Properties president and CEO Alex Twining (who is also an architect) and CBT principal David Nagahiro AIA describe the evolution of this project.

The two-hour seminar begins at 8:00 am at The Architects Building. The cost is \$15 (\$10 for BSA members) and all members and nonmembers are welcome. To reserve your seat, download the form at architects.org/reservations and return it to the BSA by noon on **January 29**.

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Architects: the next generation

architects.org/careerday

THE BSA'S CAREER DAY IN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

held in October was the largest event in the 18-year history of the program. Held once again at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Career Day hosted over 500 high-school students, parents, guidance counselors and teachers.

Thirty-three North American schools of architecture and design were represented by school officials with table-top exhibits: the Boston Architectural College, California College of the Arts, The Cooper Union, Drexel University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Maryland, Massachusetts College of Art, University of Massachusetts, University of Miami, University of Michigan, Montana State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University, New York Institute of Technology,

Northeastern University, Norwich University, University of Pennsylvania, Pratt Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Syracuse University, Tulane University, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Waterloo, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Woodbury University, and Lawrence Tech University.

A keynote address by Audrey O'Hagan AIA, associate principle of The Stubbins Associates and a BSA board member, was followed by a series of workshops on portfolio requirements, financing an education in design, choosing a school, what's it really like being in design school, how architects use CADD, a day in the life of a green architect, careers in design and more. Without the energy and active participation of the following generous souls who served as workshop speakers, tour guides and organizers, this event would not have been

possible: Charlene Roy, Tim Woods, Megan Lee Hinkle, Bill Swan, Josh Safdie, Karen Clarke, Tiffany Reissig, Beth Feinberg, Lee Waldrep, Carla D. Francazio Assoc. AIA, Travis Bridges, Nick Brown, Zach Craun, Brian Gregory, Stephanie Smolak, Thomas Hand, Richard Moore AIA, William Massey AIA, Mark Kalin FAIA, Michael Davis AIA, Cindy Larson AIA, Daniel Tuberty AIA, Tom Parks AIA, Irving Weiner AIA, Lisa Pembroke, Molly Pidgeon, Tracey Talbot, John Bedell, Shannon Starkey, Derrick Choi, Steve Manfrida, and numerous Wentworth Institute of Technology students.

The BSA's Career Day is currently the only event of its kind held in the Northeast each year. For more information on this program, call/write me at the BSA at 617-951-1433 x223/jsegel@architects.org.

*Jamie Segel, Program Manager
Career Day*

Annual BSA Leadership & Honors Poll now online

Deadline: January 25
architects.org/quick_links

The annual BSA Leadership & Honors Poll is now online. This survey invites members and allies to recommend individuals who the BSA Nominating Committee should consider for the BSA board of directors and other elective offices this year.

In addition, the survey seeks recommendations of individuals, organizations, and projects for a variety of BSA and national AIA honors and awards. All readers—members and non-members—are invited to complete and return the survey form now...the deadline is **January 25**.

To offer your recommendations, visit architects.org/quick_links and click on "Leadership & Honors Poll." To request a hardcopy of the document, call/write Conor MacDonald at bsa@architects.org 617-951-1433 x221.

*Jay Wickersham Esq., FAIA
Secretary*

Lighting design affects lab functions

The Architects Building
January 25, 8:00 am

THE NEXT MEETING of the Lab Facilities Design Group examines the ways that lighting design and performance affect energy savings and personnel performance in a discussion led by Solera Advanced Glazings' Mike Bowen of Sudbury.

The goal of this new committee is to bring together building industry professionals interested

in the planning, design and construction of laboratory animal facilities and to address the unique challenges of working in/for biotechnology, pharmaceutical, academic, and other medical research clients.

Conceived and chaired by AWEN Group principal Michele Cunneen, this network is open to all members and nonmembers interested in functional and cost-effective vivaria. In monthly meetings the group

covers issues such as renovating facilities without interrupting operations, understanding the science to help design the space, flexibility in design, biological and chemical hazards, HVAC issues, and ergonomics.

Free, but reservations are required; call/write 617-951-1433 x221/bsa@architects.org. For more information, write/call Michele Cunneen at mcunneen@theawenbgroupp.com 888-770-2936. ■ CE/HSW

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New trustees named to BFA board

bfagrants.org

THREE INDUSTRY AND CIVIC LEADERS have been named to the board of trustees of the Boston Foundation for Architecture, the grant-making foundation created by the BSA in 1985 to support planning-, design-, and construction-oriented public-education programs.

The new trustees are David Douvadjian of Meredith & Grew, artist and arts educator Sing Hanson of Bedford, and Charlotte Kahn of The Boston Foundation.

The 15-member board of trustees is led by an executive committee that includes Peter Kuttner FAIA (chair), Roger Goldstein FAIA (vice chair/chair-elect), Peter Madsen FAIA (treasurer), and Ron Ancrum (secretary).

For more information on the Foundation, visit bfagrants.org or call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433 x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org.



David Douvadjian



Sing Hanson



Charlotte Kahn

The BSA appoints new editorial board members

architectureboston.com

THE CONTINUED SUCCESS of *ArchitectureBoston*, the BSA's bimonthly ideas magazine, is attributable in large part to the extraordinary professionals who have served on the magazine's editorial board for the past seven years.

It is the monthly volunteer board discussions that provide editor Elizabeth Paden FAIA and managing editor Pamela de Oliveira-Smith with much of the extraordinarily rich intellectual substance that shapes the editorial and design strategies of the magazine. The editorial board includes 18 members who serve three-year terms. BSA President Hubert Murray AIA, RIBA has announced the appointment of these new editorial board members:

- Ann Beha FAIA (founder and president of Ann Beha Architects)
- Joan Goody FAIA (architect, urban planner, educator and principal at Goody Clancy)
- Keith Moskow AIA (author, founder and principal at Moskow Architects)
- Finley Perry (founder and president, FH Perry Builder)
- Chris Reed ASLA (founding principal of StoSS landscape urbanism)
- Deborah Weisgall (novelist)

These new editorial board members join current members Alex Anmahian AIA; Hansy Better Barraza; Nancy Brennan; Matthew Bronksi, Assoc. AIA; Shauna Gillies-Smith RLA; John Hong AIA; David Luberoff; George Metzger AIA; Mark Pasnik; William Rawn, III FAIA; George Thrush FAIA; and Peter Vanderwarker.



Ann Beha FAIA



Joan Goody FAIA



Keith Moskow AIA



Finley Perry



Chris Reed ASLA



Deborah Weisgall

New England has new leaders

wmaia.org
aiacm.org
aianewengland.org

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS AIA chapter member Erica Gees AIA of Kuhn Riddle Architects in Amherst and BSA member Peter Kuttner FAIA of Cambridge Seven Associates have been elected to the national AIA board of directors as New England's two representatives on that national body.

Gees also has been elected president of AIA New England, the regional AIA component that includes the eight New England AIA chapters including the BSA, the Central and Western Massachusetts chapters, and the Connecticut,

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont state chapters. Gees and Kuttner were elected to these key regional and national roles during the AIA New England Annual Conference in Newport, RI in September.

Central Massachusetts AIA chapter president Stephen Fleshman AIA of Stephen Fleshman Architect in Brimfield has been elected president of AIA Massachusetts, the statewide consortium that includes the BSA, the Central Massachusetts AIA Chapter, and the Western Massachusetts AIA Chapter.

Martha Montgomery AIA of Burr and McCallum Architects in Williamstown is now in the

second year of her two-year term as president of the Western Massachusetts AIA Chapter.

For more information on the structure of the AIA in our region and nationally, send requests with a 39¢ SASE to AIA Network/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St. Boston 02109.



Erica Gees AIA



Peter Kuttner FAIA



Stephen
Fleshman AIA



Martha
Montgomery AIA

Members adopt \$5.1-million operating budget

AT THE BSA ANNUAL MEETING

last month, members voted to adopt a Board-proposed operating budget of approximately \$5.1 million for this fiscal year. Of note were these elements:

- the continued growth of Build Boston, now in its 23rd year, as one of the BSA's primary services for the building industry, and the fast-growing Residential Design and Construction convention and tradeshow, a significant 2005 spin-off of Build Boston focusing annually on a critical market for architects
- the continuing investment in the editorial, circulation, and advertising opportunities offered by our bimonthly ideas magazine, *ArchitectureBoston*, which now reaches 30,000 readers with each issue
- the development and financing, in collaboration with the BAC, of the new Community Design Resource Center of Boston
- the three-year-old Research Grants in Architecture initiative designed to fund architectural research nationally
- the continued initiatives that enrich the cultural diversity of the profession, of those entering the profession, and of every aspect of BSA operations and programming
- the expanded services of our legislative advisors and our public relations consultants retained to enhance architects' impacts on public policy and public appreciation of the impact of design on our lives
- the enhancement of programs and services that address the needs of young designers with emphasis on special electronic communication tools, career services, the Young Designers Professional Development Institute, the Young Designers

Professional Development Fund, and the Membership Committee's popular and effective career programs

- the continuing investment in the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, which grew out of the BSA's Civic Initiative for a Livable New England as a means of promoting smart growth
- the expansion of Learning By Design in Massachusetts, the BSA's in-school, statewide training program for teachers and schoolchildren
- the program planning for the 2008 national AIA Convention in Boston (expecting

25,000 architects and allies)

- the continued outsourcing of a broad variety of programs and services to ensure that the small BSA staff remains flexible enough to respond to new opportunities for members
- the projection of a surplus to ensure the availability of funds for BSA building renovations, operating reserves, the impacts of significant downturns in the economy, and other predictable and unpredictable events.

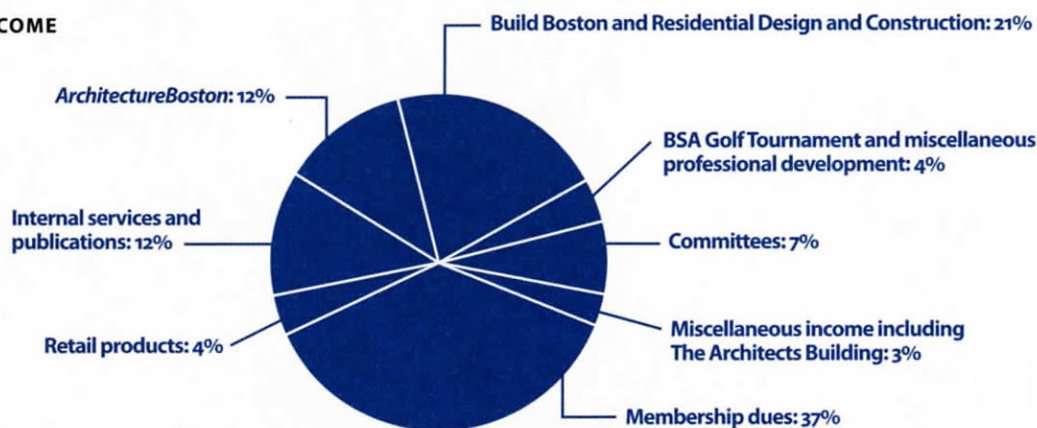
As the charts (below) reflect, only about 37% of the BSA's income is generated by members' dues; the balance is user fees

and other program and service income. This low proportion of dues income is unusual and reflects the extraordinary effectiveness of BSA programming in generating revenue and enabling the organization to function efficiently and effectively without significant annual dues increases.

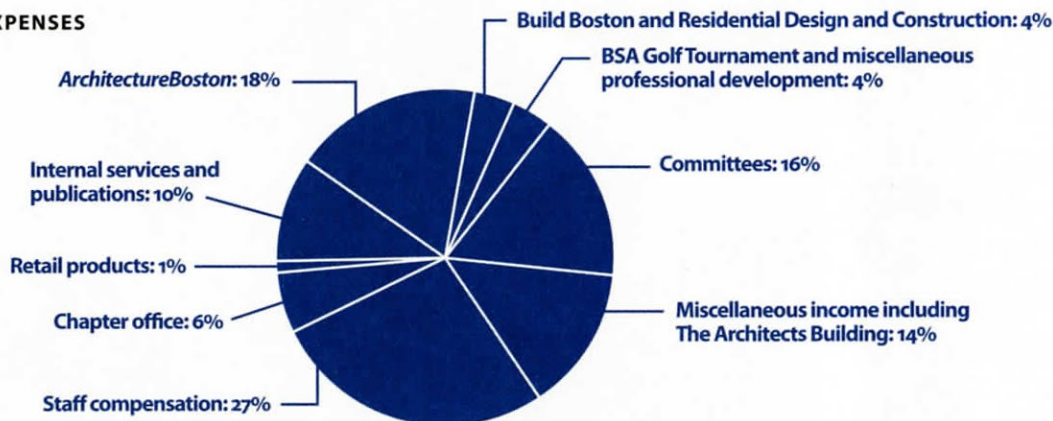
For more information on or copies of the BSA operating budget, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433 x232/ rfitzgerald@architects.org.

Jim Dunn, CPA, Assoc. AIA,
BSA Treasurer

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Labyrinth at First Parish in Framingham
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BSA Office Closed for Holiday

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Rotch scholarship application deadline

8:00 am

SketchUp Users Group

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8:00 am
Engineers and Architects Network
(see p. 3)

6:00 pm

International Committee

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BSA Office Closed for Holiday

All meetings are held in

The Architects Building

52 Broad Street, Boston

unless otherwise noted

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*Lunch Meetings!

RSVP by 9:30 am on the day
of the meeting to reserve lunch:

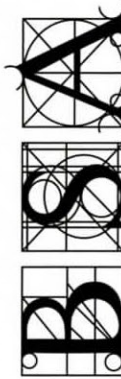
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6:00 pm

VectorWorks

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8:00 am
Committee on the Environment (COTE)

*Noon

IT Wizards

6:00 pm

Membership Committee Event—
Dress for Success (see p. 3)

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8:30 am

Codes Committee

5:15 pm

Healthcare Facilities

6:00 pm

BPL Lecture Series
(Boston Public Library) (see p. 1)

6:00 pm

DataCAD Boston Users Group (DBUG)
(write evanshu@aol.com for location)

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8:00 am

BIM Roundtable

Noon

Administration & HR Wizards

6:00 pm

Award of Honor reception honoring
Rebecca Barnes FAIA (ICA) (see p. 2)

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8:00 am

Honors & Awards Committee

*Noon

AIA New England Board Meeting

6:00 pm

Faculty Reception (see p. 8)

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*Noon

Executive Committee

6:00 pm

Allen Architects

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8:00 am
Historic Resources Committee

*Noon

ArchitectureBoston Editorial Board

6:00 pm

Corporate Affiliates/Professional
Affiliates Reception (see p. 5)

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7:30 am

BSA/SCUP College & University
Roundtable

8:00 am

Taskforce to End Homelessness

6:00 pm

Urban Design Committee

6:30 pm

Black Architects Forum
(write eel@aal.com for location)

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8:00 am

Marketing/PR Wizards

Noon

Access Committee

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8:00 am

Private Sector Development (see p. 8)

*Noon

Ethics Committee

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*Noon

Membership Committee

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8:00 am
Construction Administration
Roundtable

8:00 am

Women Principals Roundtable
(Payette, 285 Summer St.)

*Noon

BSA Nominating Committee

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8:30 pm

Housing Committee

Find your way online: You can search
for your next committee meeting, the
latest news, and Fame on the BSA's
award-winning website: architects.org.

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8:00 am

Lab Design Committee (see p. 9)

Noon

Design Library Wizards

6:00 pm

Small Firms

BSA committee/network meetings
and other events provide all architects,
members and nonmembers, with
Massachusetts continuing education
credits required for licensure; AIA
members also receive AIA Learning
Units. All are welcome.

We hope you like our new calendar format and enjoy it all month long. If you are
interested in submitting a photo for the calendar, write jakland@architects.org.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently launched a new Department of Public Safety website, available through the Executive Office of Public Safety at mass.gov/eops (choose “Department of Public Safety” from the list of agencies). The new site features a more in-depth FAQ section, more comprehensive “News and Updates” section, an easier-to-use format, and direct access to popular applications. The site serves as a tool for state boards, bureaus, and commissions to keep licensees and registrants apprised of pertinent professional information.

The state of Boston’s job market

JOHN DONAHOE AIA, president of Dakota DesignStaff, an employment agency that focuses on the building industry, recently provided the BSA with some information on the current state of the job market in Massachusetts and the architecture profession.

According to Donahoe, area firms are still very busy and 2005 and 2006 seems to be the first years in a long time that have seen job openings unfilled. He sees residential work slowing down, while the area has seen a huge upturn on the commercial side, which may lead to growth in some areas and lack of work for residential architects.

Donahoe frequently receives request from clients for candidates with experience in retail, multi-family housing, and laboratory design skills as well as individuals with “interior architecture experience” who

can detail millwork and other interior components.

Donahoe contends that the internet is the best way for him to find leads. He finds that letting candidates know that he is a licensed architect is a good ice-breaker and perhaps instills a level of trust. He typically searches *monster.com* and other recruiting websites as well as the BSA’s own resume bank. In addition to internet searches, he relies on the old adage “it’s not what you know but who you know.” He notes that the architecture community in Boston is actually rather small and close-knit; networking plays a huge role in job placement in this area.

According to Donahoe, who worked for over 15 years in several Boston firms, the architecture community has come to recognize the value and cost

effectiveness of staffing firms in their overall staffing strategy. One of his largest clients recently confided that they like keeping about 10% of their staff through his agency because it allows them to make quick additions or reductions to staff.

Donahoe contends that the industry may see a shortage of knowledgeable, experienced architects in the not too distant future as the number of young professionals entering the field (many whom do not pursue a license) does not match the number of people retiring or leaving the profession.

In order to help close that widening gap, Donahoe suggests a new component added to the continuing education requirements, which would require each licensed architect to mentor one of their employees for a certain period of time each year,

in order to further the learning of young professionals and keep the pipeline of knowledge moving through the generations.

Ed. note: The BSA does facilitate a mentoring network, where architects can volunteers to be matched with individuals seeking guidance. For more information, visit architects.org/mentoring. In addition to Dakota DesignStaff (dakotadesignstaff.com/978-371-0530), at least three other Boston-area employment services work with design firms—Aerotek (aerotek.com/800-237-6835), SullivanKreiss (sullivankreiss.com/508-393-4933), and Resource Options (resourceoptions.com/781-455-0224).

The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board’s 2006 amendments to its regulations (521 CMR) include new accessible design requirements for egress. In new construction and alterations, there must be an equal number of accessible means of egress as required for the general public. An accessible walkway or ramp must extend from the exit discharge to a public way, unless the public way is more than 100 feet from the exit. In that case, an exterior area of rescue assistance is required at least 100 feet from the exit; where that is not feasible, the accessible area of rescue assistance can be adjacent to the exit itself. These requirements apply to all new construction of facilities open to the public whose building permit was issued on or after July 27, 2006. (See p. 18 for information on the BSA’s Accessible Design Awards program.)

New contract document tool from the AIA

aia.org/movie/flash/docsprimer/start.htm

THE AIA RECENTLY INTRODUCED A NEW TOOL designed to help individuals sift through the myriad contract documents and document series/families on its website (aia.org).

A free video training tool, "Introduction to AIA's Contract Documents," available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is now online at aia.org/movie/flash/docsprimer/start.htm. The video uses voice-over narrative and graphics to present general information about the AIA's documents, including a basic overview as well as more detailed information on the various families of documents such as the A201, Design-Build, Small Projects, and International series. It also includes links for document resources and direct access to purchasing documents.

With questions or comments call/write Vanessa Williamson, Director, AIA Contract Documents Education at 202-626-8052/vwilliamson@aia.org. With questions on the content or usage of AIA Contract Documents, call/write the AIA support center at 202-626-7526/docinfo@aia.org.

Ed. note: You can always order paper documents on the BSA website at architects.org/store or by calling 617-951-1433 x221.

New law to help assess affordable housing needs

This past fall, Governor Romney signed into law House Bill 4978/Data Collection for Government Assisted Housing in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston, and Action for Regional Equity had identified this piece of legislation as a top priority in order to reduce racial and economic segregation and open housing opportunities to all Massachusetts residents. The new law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development

(DHCD) to gather, compile, and report data on state and federally assisted housing, including information on accessibility for persons with disabilities, the total number of people living in affordable housing units and the income level of these households, the race and ethnicity of the heads of the households, and the number of people living in each unit in order to better determine if the Commonwealth's housing programs (\$215 million annual expenditure) are serving those most in need or are reducing or perpetuating segregation.

The September/October 2006 edition of Guidelines, the CNA/Schinnerer newsletter, focuses on "Covering Exposures as Integrated Practice Develops" and specifically on BIM (building information modeling) and how it may change the way we practice. The articles examine existing professional liability coverage, coverage for a "prefabricated" project team, increased exposure from enhanced services, and the need to change existing contractual relationships. For a copy of these articles, write vos.guidelines@schinnerer.com.

Competitions/Awards/Grants

Metropolis 2007 Next Generation Design Competition: \$10K prize, focuses on energy uses, reduction, consumption, efficiencies, and alternatives; January 5, 2007 deadline. metropolismag.com/nextgen.

2007 Rudy Bruner Award: for urban excellence, December 18 deadline; brunerfoundation.org, 617-492-8401 x184.

Arthur Ross for Excellence in the Classical Tradition: ICA&CA, December 15 deadline; classicist.org/rossawards_2007call.html or institute@classicist.org.

Grants for environmental activists: seasonal deadlines; N.E. Grassroots Environment Fund 802-223-4622/info@grassrootsfund.org.

Graham Fellowship in Design: post-grad fellowship at the NEA, Kristina Alg at 202-682-5078, or arts.endow.gov/learn/jobs/jobsmenu.html.

"Green" grants: Deutsche Bank Environmental Grants for nonprofits tackling urban revitalization/sustainability issues, rolling deadline, cib.db.com/community or gary.s.hattem@db.com.

Lyceum Fellowship for architecture students: lyceum-fellowship.org.

Black female architecture scholars and other professional women: grants/fellowships of \$2K-\$50K for black female scholars pursuing degrees in architecture and other professions, aaup.org and click on "fellowships."

Historic preservation grants: Mass. Historical Commission/\$300,000, 617-727-8470/magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc.

Pre-Development Assistance Program: early-stage economic development projects in Mass., rolling deadlines, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, 800-445-8030.

Victorian-era buildings awards: exteriors or interiors, public places, open spaces, etc.; Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd. Brighton MA 02135.

AIA National and AIA Honors and Awards programs: Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, and many more; deadlines vary; visit aia.org/awards.

American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship, AIA-related fellowships/scholarships: minorities/disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research, etc., including the RTKL Traveling Fellowship; call 202-626-7511.

Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship program: annual AIA/AAF Scholarships, Mary Felber, 202-626-7511.

Architectural grants/fellowships/scholarships resources: the Foundation Center Library/Associated Grantmakers of Mass., 617-426-2606.

Aga Khan Award: \$500K in prizes, rolling deadlines, akdn.org/agency/aktc_aka.html.

Student competitions: programs and deadlines vary; 202-626-7472 (AIA), 212-924-7000 (NIAE), 202-785-2324 x2 (ACSA/Wood Products Council), DuPont Benedictus Design Competition 202-628-0448 (ACSA).

Fulbright grants: for architects and urban planners, iie.org/cies, 202-686-4000, or fax 202-362-3442.

NEA: project grants; 202-682-5400.

The MacDowell Colony: residency for architects; seasonal deadlines; 603-924-3886, macdowellcolony.org.

Peace Corps: assignments throughout world; rolling deadlines, peacecorps.gov.

ArchitectureWeek Calendar: online listing of design competitions, architectureweek.com.

Competitions magazine: reports regularly on design competition results, call 502-451-3623 for a subscription.

Membership is open to everyone... spread the word

architects.org/membership

THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES of membership in the BSA: two for architects and interns, and four for individuals in the building industry and the public.

For architects and architectural interns:

AIA—This is the AIA/BSA membership for architects registered in the US.

Associate AIA—This is the AIA/BSA membership for unlicensed professionals who hold a degree in architecture and other technical professionals who work under the supervision of an architect. (The first year of national and local Associate AIA membership is free for all architecture school graduates who join within one year of graduation.)

For individuals who are not architects and for businesses other than architecture firms, there are four BSA membership opportunities:

Corporate Affiliate—For building industry firms (consultants, engineers, developers, contractors, interior designers, landscape architects, attorneys, manufacturers, vendors and other companies) with an interest in working more closely with architects and enhancing architects' awareness of their products, services, and materials. This is a firm membership and includes up to five Professional Affiliate memberships.

Professional Affiliate—This is the professional membership opportunity for industry professionals (other than architects and architecture graduates) who wish to share ideas, to grow professionally, and to improve their firms' operations through participation in the extensive BSA network.

Student Affiliate—All individuals registered as full-time students are invited to take advantage of this membership opportunity.

Subscriber—For individuals (other than architects, architecture graduates, and allied building industry professionals) who have a special interest in architecture, urban design and planning, and would like to receive the BSA ChapterLetter and *ArchitectureBoston* magazine. AIA members of chapters outside of Boston are also frequently subscribers.

Applications for all membership categories are available online at architects.org/membership or call/write BSA membership director Kate Miller at 617-951-1433 x228/kmiller@architects.org.

What are we getting for our dues?

EACH MONTH THE CHAPTERLETTER HIGHLIGHTS one useful program or service that our BSA dues help underwrite. This month we draw special attention to the annual variety of design awards programs and juried exhibits the BSA administers (see p. 18). These programs constitute a central element of our efforts to elevate awareness of good design in all project types. This is one of the most visible marketing and public information services our dues help sustain.

*Jim Dunn, CPA, Assoc. AIA
BSA Treasurer*

Workshops/Conferences

Residential Design and Construction: April 4 and 5, 2007; a BSA/Build Boston event/convention and tradeshow. Over 80 workshops; award-winning design exhibits; new product/service exhibits; 10,000 residential design and construction professionals. For exhibit, advertising and sponsorship opportunities, call Brian Keefe at 800-996-3863.

USGBC LEED workshops: 12/6, Commercial Interiors; 1/25/07, Existing Buildings; Back Bay Events Center, go to usgbc.org/workshops/register.

Energy Assistance and Conservation Strategies for Affordable Housing: a forum by CHAPA, 12/5, 9:30–11:30 am, The Conference Center; chapa.org/calendar, 617-742-0820, or jmissick@chapa.org.

Yestermorrow Design/Build School: courses run Sept.–Mar., yestermorrow.org.

AutoCAD Certificate Program: Wentworth Institute of Technology, 617-989-4309.

Conway School of Landscape Design: 413-369-4044 or csls.edu.

Wentworth Institute of Technology: professional and continuing studies programs, 617-442-9010 x446.

IIDA New England programs: Boston, Dianne Dunnell, 617-482-3232; Hartford/Springfield, Stevanie Demko, 860-659-1010 x2380; Portland/Portsmouth, Pam Napolitano, 207-671-4973.

Planning/Zoning Appeals Boards: training sessions, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative, umass.edu/masscpctc, 413-577-3642.

Zoning clinics: every Tues., 8 am–4 pm; Boston Plans and Zoning Unit (5th floor), 1010 Mass. Ave.; 617-635-5300 x1300.

Women's Educational and Industrial Union: career services workshops and other services on job-hunting and career issues, 617-536-5657.

Northeastern University: Building Design and Management courses, 617-320-8000; Building/construction/architecture professional development programs, Dec.–March, 617-373-2400 or ace.neu.edu/bca.

Jewish Vocational Service: career, job-hunting and related workshops; 617-965-7940.

BU Program for Real-Estate Studies: 617-353-3013.

Real-estate management courses: irem.org.

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours/Events

BSA lecture series: Sept.–May, architects.org/lectureseries.

Policy and Design for Housing: Lessons of the Urban Development Corporation 1968–1975, Wolk Gallery, MIT School of Architecture, through December 22.

Museum of Science lecture series: 617-589-0419.

Front + Back: Investigating a Renaissance Drawing, sixteenth-century architectural drawings by Baldassare Peruzzi; MIT Museum Compton Gallery, through December 22.

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library, maps.bpl.org.

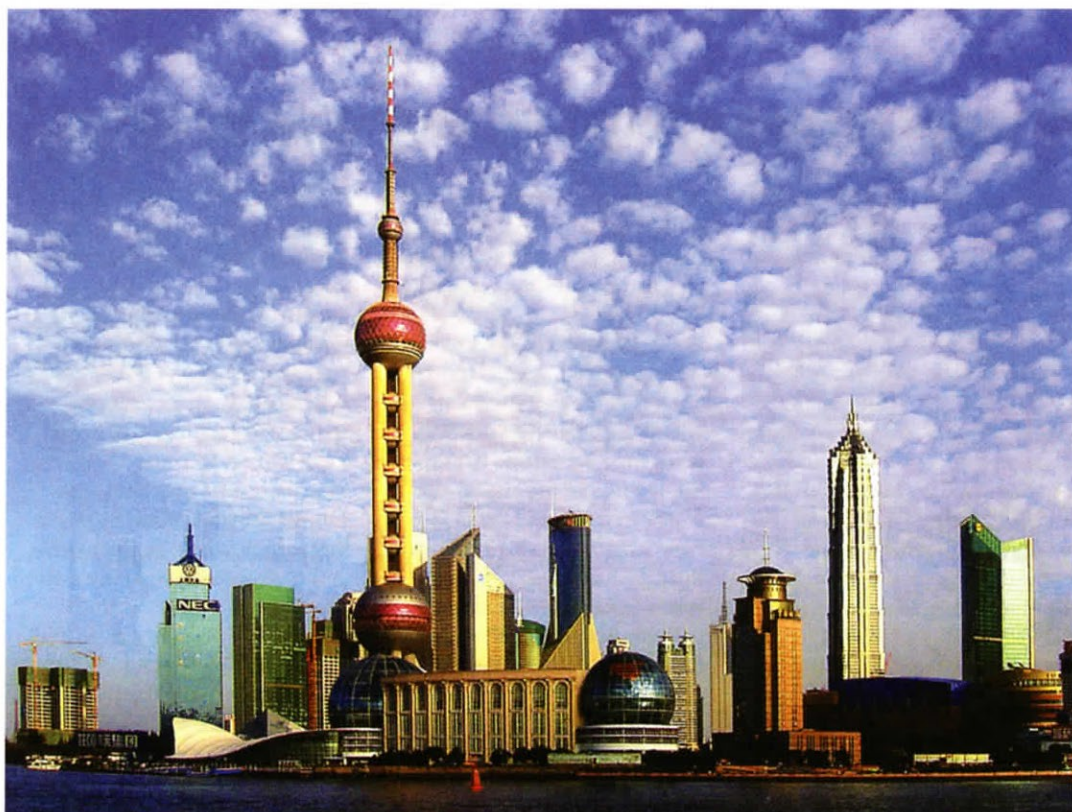
Mount Auburn Cemetery: 175th Anniversary events through 9/07 walks, reading, tours, etc.; mountauburn.org or 617-607-1995.

MIT Museum: The Architects Collaborative Collection, architecture e-galleries, mit.edu/museum.

Black Heritage Trail: year-round; nps.gov/boaf/blackheritagetrail.htm, 617-742-5415.

Trinity Church tours: 617-536-0944.

Historic New England: year-round tours and programs, online photographic Gropius House tour, historicnewengland.org, 617-227-3956.



Tour China with the BSA

October 14–24, 2007
architects.org/chinatour

THE BSA SPONSORS its first tour to China on **October 14–24, 2007**. This 11-day tour focuses on the historical and contemporary architecture, planning and urban design of Beijing, Suzhou and Shanghai and includes two optional six-day tour extensions—a Xian and Yangzi River cruise and a tour of the Huang Mountains and exploration of Huizhou culture. For the itinerary, registration information, and other details, visit architects.org/chinatour. ■ CE

The BSA co-sponsors the First Annual C&D Summit on January 25 to provide generators of construction and demolition debris and other interested parties with information about new regulatory structures, current management options, and new or emerging management trends for C&D debris management. 8:00–11:30 am at the Burlington Marriott; \$95 registration fee for private-sector/\$35 for government. Add \$40 for registrations after January 23. For more information, call Dan Moon at the Environmental Business Council at 617-262-4050.

Library of Congress: Historic architectural drawings exhibit, 800-551-7328.

Boston By Foot walking tours of Beacon Hill, Boston By Little Feet, Boston Underfoot, Freedom Trail, Literary Landmarks, North End, Victorian Back Bay, and tours of the month; bostonbyfoot.com, 617-367-2345.

Boston's architectural history: two slide-lectures available to rent with speaker, "The Four Shapes of Boston: 1630 to the Present" and "The Reshaping of Boston: The Contemporary City"; 617-367-2345.

Art and architecture tours of the BPL: 617-536-4000 x212.

Moakley Courthouse public tours: first Tues. of month at 1:00 pm, call Rebecca Ulanoff at 617-748-9633; docent volunteers needed for "Discovering Justice" tour program, call 617-748-9633.

Walking Tours of Jamaica Plain: end this month for the season, 617-524-5992.

Community/Professional Opportunities

US/ICOMOS call for abstracts on culture, conservation, and economics as related to heritage tourism within the Pacific Rim for symposium; icomos.org/usicomos or don.jones@usicomos.org.

Learning By Design: BSA partnership with school-based programs, architects encouraged to call/write Jan Ham at ld@architects.org/617-951-1433 x227.

Boston Learning Society: design professionals sought for seminars in Needham, 781-453-9800.

Co-op partnerships for Boston-area architecture firms with Northeastern's accredited architecture program; architecture students in the undergraduate program are available for paid, full-time work throughout the year. Write/call Lynn Burke at l.burke@neu.edu/617-373-3462.

Wentworth's department of architecture seeks part-time faculty in building technologies, foundation design studies, and upper-level design studios, call John Ellis at 617-989-4458; Wentworth's interior design program seeking architects and interior designers for end-of-semester student design reviews (adjunct teaching positions often available in studio and technical courses), call Herb Fremin at 617-989-4051.

Conway School of Landscape Design: MA in landscape design, information session 2/10/07 10am–3pm. csld.org, 413-369-4044, info@csld.com.

Co-op student placements provided by Wentworth Institute of Technology for Boston-area design firms, write/call Rachel Levine at leviner@wit.edu/617-989-4101.

The BAC is seeking teachers/practitioners in decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures, call 617-262-5000.

The Boston Museum of Science seeks professionals to teach problem-solving, computer applications, interdisciplinary topics, and other courses, call Brent Jackson at 617-589-0364.

Be an expert witness. The BSA occasionally receives requests for architects to serve as "expert witnesses" in courtroom trials and other venues. To be added to the list of architects the BSA provides to those seeking such consultants, send your name, firm name if appropriate, postal address, email address, and daytime telephone number to bsa@architects.org.

2007 IDP Outstanding Firm Award recognizes exemplary commitment to the professional development of interns; aia.org/idp_outstandingfirm. Submissions due February 1 at idp@aia.org.

Tenth annual American Architecture Awards® honor new architecture designed in the US, submissions due February 1; entry forms and info at 815-777-4444 or chi-atheneum.org.

2007 design awards programs, competitions, and juried exhibits

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THIS YEAR the BSA administers a variety of design awards, competitions, research grants and juried exhibit programs:

In Pursuit of Housing Design Competition—students currently in architecture school anywhere in the world and individuals who earned their architecture degrees within the past five years are invited to submit built or unbuilt projects; **February 18** deadline.

Sustainable Design Awards (co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter)—submissions solicited from design professionals throughout the country; **February 20** deadline.

Timeless Design (see page 6); **February 26** deadline.

Harleston Parker Medal (sponsored by the BSA and the City of Boston)—annual effort to identify “the single most beautiful” building or structure built in the MDC area in the past decade; nominations (including project

name/address/architect) are due by **March 1**. Send nominations to Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA at rfitzgerald@architects.org.

Urban Design Awards (co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter)—submissions invited from architects, landscape architects and planners; any urban design project in the world may be submitted by Massachusetts and NYC professionals and professionals anywhere in the world may submit urban design projects located in Massachusetts or NYC; **March 12** deadline.

Accessible Design Awards (sponsored by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and the BSA)—anyone in the world (designer, building official, citizen, community group, building owner) may submit access solutions built anywhere in Massachusetts; **March 26** deadline.

John M. Clancy Award for Socially Responsible Housing (sponsored by Goody Clancy and the BSA)—anyone may submit any public- or private-

sector multi-family project anywhere in the US that provides shelter for low- and/or moderate-income residents; **April 24** deadline.

K-12 Facilities Design Awards (co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter)—New England and NYC architects can submit work they have done throughout the world and architects elsewhere in the world can submit New England and NYC projects; **April 17** deadline.

Higher Education Facilities (co-sponsored by SCUP/New England)—NE architects may submit work they have done throughout the world and architects elsewhere in the world are invited to submit NE projects; **May 21** deadline.

Unbuilt Architecture—architects, architectural educators and students throughout the world may submit theoretical or client-sponsored unbuilt projects; **June 25** deadline.

Juried Photo Exhibits at Build Boston (sponsored by the BSA, BSLA, IIDA and ASID)—all

New England architects, landscape architects, and interior designers who are members of the four sponsoring organizations are eligible; **August 1** deadline.

Honor Awards for Design Excellence—this is the annual BSA honor awards program (co-sponsored each year by Poole Professional Ltd. and DPIC); Massachusetts architects may submit projects of any type located anywhere in the world and architects outside the state can submit projects built in Massachusetts; **July 9** deadline.

In addition to these design awards programs, the BSA administers annual **Research Grants in Architecture**. Visit architects.org/grants for details; **April 27** deadline.

For more information and the calls for entries for all of these programs, go to architects.org/awards.

2007 Top Ten Green Projects: project submissions due January 17, aiatopten.org or Marsha Garcia at 202-626-7488/ mgarcia@aia.org.

Publication Opportunities

ArchitectureBoston, the BSA bimonthly magazine; for editorial and advertising requirements, call/write Pamela de Oliveira-Smith at 617-951-1433 x240/ psmith@architects.org.

Members are invited to submit home designs for a **book on “extraordinary homes”** with focus on built-in conveniences; write/call Carol Abrahamson carol@stockdocs.com/928-284-5753.

The **Hardwood Manufacturers Association** is seeking professional photography showing the use of solid US hardwood in furniture, flooring, kitchen cabinets, or decorative woodworking for publications; call Susan Regan at 800-373-WOOD.

Boston Globe architecture critic Robert Campbell FAIA wants to hear from BSA members about new architecture, landscape, urban design, controversies and other news; write Campbell at camglobe@aol.com or 54 Antrim St., Cambridge 02139-1102.

Architecture and The Mail produces 1,000 unique postcards, each depicting a single unpublished image from an unknown designer, and sends them to a selected group of 1,000 influential architects, urbanists, academics, curators, journalists, and critics; for details visit 1000postcards.org.

The Classicist, journal of the Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture, seeks papers/examples of work done in the Classical manner; 212-681-2761.

New England Home magazine invites you to submit photographs of completed projects; for details, write/call Stacy Kunstel at skunstel@nehomemag.com/800-609-5154 x707.

Places, the quarterly journal edited by Donlyn Lyndon, invites submissions of articles related to sustainable design; places-journal.org for details.

Michelle Hillman covers commercial real estate, architecture and construction for the **Boston Business Journal** who and she's interested in hearing from you. If you have ideas for stories, news tips or information about design trends, please call or e-mail Michelle at 617-316-3220 or mhillman@bizjournals.com.

American Soul in Architecture is a book on African-American architects in the late 20th century. Author Louis Smith is also writing on cultural influences in residential design and is interested in projects for possible publication in either book; for details write lsmith@ascentdesignnpc.com.

idiotTEXT design journal invites BSA members to submit competition projects for publication, call Jordan Williams at 617-482-6958.

Residential Architect is seeking residential design details for publication; call Shelley Hutchins at 202-736-3407.

North Shore BSA members' story ideas can be sent to John Rockwell AIA, the *Salem News* architecture columnist at johnrockwell@comcast.net.

Banker & Tradesman architecture critic Jeff Stein AIA welcomes story ideas at steinj@wit.edu. **Banker & Tradesman** seeks BSA members to write technical, informational, trend and opinion articles; call/write Tim DeFeo at 781-641-1771/ timdefeo@yahoo.com.

Seaside cottages and new American or traditional cabins architecture examples sought for Rizzoli book; also information on single-family residential island architecture in US or Canada for another book; write Linda Leigh Pau, media@ipns.com.



People and Firms

Leers Weinzapfel Associates reports that Kevin Bell, Shih-Min Hsu, Simon Lindquist, and **Annette Lippert AIA** and have joined the firm. **Andrea Leers FAIA (1)** recently wrote the chapter "Urban Design and the Courthouse: How Sites Shape Solutions" for *Celebrating the Courthouse: A Guide for Architects, their Clients, and the Public*.

H+A/Hacin + Associates recently promoted Matthew Manke (2) to associate. Since joining H+A in 2001, he has designed boutique retail stores for Fresh in several cities, prototype retail concepts for A.T. Cross in Harvard Square and Chestnut Hill, and private residences in Boston and Manhattan.

The Stubbins Associates recently hired **Rayford Law AIA (3)** as an associate principal; also joining the firm is Susan Spaulding IIDA, Claire Strugnell, Karen Watson, Dana Ozik, John Cali, and David Stomatuk.

Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture & Engineering's Charles Kirby AIA, LEED (4) will now be based in the firm's New York City office.

Goody Clancy's principal-in-charge of planning and urban design **David Dixon FAIA** lectured at the fall meeting of the Urban Land Institute and at the recent Big City Planning Directors Institute; he also chaired a New Orleans charrette on translating culture into the public realm, supported by a grant from the AIA150 program. Ron Mallis, senior planner at the firm, discussed "Thriving in a Storm: Structured Planning to Promote Green" at the 2006 Greenbuild conference in Denver.

Laura Sauter (5) has joined **Gensler's** Boston office as Environmental Graphic Design Manager.

Larry Grossman AIA (6), Jonathan Cardello AIA, and Rachel Cardello (7) of **ADD Inc.** discussed "Retail Trends: Placemaking" on retail design expertise and current trends at the 2006 CREW-Miami annual convention.

Architect **Eric H. Gjerde AIA (8)** recently joined **The MZO GROUP**.

DiMella Shaffer's Jason Herzog recently earned his LEED Accreditation.

Rick Heym AIA (formerly of Heym Dowds and Neeman) recently founded **Consulting for Architecture and Planning** (29 Marlboro Street, Newton 02458).

Syracuse University's new Life Sciences building, designed by **Ellenzweig Associates** was featured as Project of the Month in the November issue of the *New York Real Estate Journal*.

Spagnolo/Gisness & Associates recently hired senior interior designer Cheryl Howe (9). In October, the SG&A team raised more than \$8,000 at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk.

MDS/Millers Dyer Spears has relocated to 99 Chauncey Street, 8th floor, Boston 02111.

Cannon Design recently promoted **Phillip Schuler AIA**; James R. Bones PE, LEED; David P. Blouin; and Jerry Weslar RA to associate vice presidents.

Leslie Saul & Associates' interior design work and **Meyer & Meyer Architects'** renovation of a private residence, originally designed by H.H. Richardson, was recently featured in *Trends* magazine.

New Work

Leers Weinzapfel Associates' current work includes pre-design for a new courthouse in Howard County MD and is preparing to go out to bid for the MIT Media Lab, which it worked on with Fumihiko Maki and Associates.

Ellenzweig Associates is designing a new College of Pharmacy building for the University of Kentucky, a new biomedical sciences research building at the University of Florida, and is providing programming services for a new Chemistry Building at Iowa State University.

Spagnolo/Gisness & Associates' new work includes the campus-expansion project for The MathWorks in Natick, including a new campus masterplan, Class A office building, and parking structure.

ADD Inc's recent and new work includes space analysis assistance to Fish & Richardson.

Goody Clancy's current projects include continued work in the CBD/Warehouse/French Quarter and the surrounding Gently, Bywater, and Marigny neighborhoods for the Unified New Orleans Plan for Recovery and Rebuilding (UNOP). Other work includes urban design guidelines for the neighborhoods surrounding Emory University in Atlanta, masterplanning for the Bayside Development Area in Portland, facility site planning for the Uptown Consortium in Cincinnati, and a real-estate feasibility study for the University of Rhode Island.

Bergmeyer Associates' new work includes a new prototype for Basset Furniture stores and renovations of Charlesfield Hall at Brown University.

DiMella Shaffer's current/new work includes the design/build renovation of Fairchild Hall, a historic student residence located at the University of New Hampshire's Durham campus, and masterplans for Monroe Community College and St. John Fisher College.

Bruner/Cott's new work includes Kemeny Hall (mathematics department) and Haldeman Center (home to the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, the Fannie and Alan Leslie Center for the Humanities, and the Ethics Institute) at Dartmouth College.

TRO Jung|Brannen recently completed the new headquarters for Boston Beer Company, a 25,000-sf corporate office and tasting room located in the Boston Design Center, and the 180,000-sf research and development labs for Schlumberger in Cambridge.

Carr, Lynch and Sandell's recent and current work includes the masterplan and design of Cedarmere, a 55-plus community in Cohasset, a masterplan for the construction of 13 new homes and the renovation of the historic lodge on the grounds of the Eastbourne Lodge in Newport RI, masterplan/conceptual design for the 10-acre Cascade Park in Tallahassee FL, and plans for the renovation of the historic Hammond Organ Reed Factory in Worcester.

Wilson Architects' current and new work includes programming and building evaluation services for the Albee, Hegeman, and Rose buildings at Bard College and projects at Duke University, including assessing space needs and classroom performance plans for renovations and additions.

Mostue & Associates' current work includes the design of Hope House, a new 80-bed rehabilitation facility and SRO in North Roxbury. The firm recently held a green charrette for Waverly Woods, a new 40-unit affordable housing project near Waverly Square in Belmont.

HDS Architecture's new and recent projects include designing a two-story addition to Center Place, 1309 Beacon St., Coolidge Corner in Brookline; the project is a result of a collaborative process between the firm, Sydney Associates, and the Brookline Planning Board.

Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture & Engineering's current work includes a preliminary programming study at Black Hills State University in Spearfish SD.

Corporate Affiliate News

A.J. Martini is currently working on a new animal care and adoption facility for The Potter League for Animals in RI and on the 30,000-sf outpatient facility build-out of Malden Health Center. Benjamin J. Deletetsky (10) recently joined the firm as a new assistant project manager. **Mary Ann Williams** was promoted to vice president of corporate client strategies and **Mark W. Pelletier** was appointed vice president of client services.

Consigli Construction has welcomed Barbara A. Connolly (11) to the M/E/P Coordination Department.

Kevin P. McGrath and Ronan P. O'Brien recently joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as partners.

Copley Wolff Design Group landscape designer Suneeth Paul John (12) successfully completed the Certificate of Merit course in Healthcare Garden Design at the Joseph Regenstein Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden. The firm's new projects include the DYS Western Regional Youth Services Center in Springfield.

Payton Construction's new and recent work includes three projects at Massachusetts General Hospital's Founders House and work on the Harvard University football stadium project. The following staff members are now LEED-Accredited Professionals: project manager Eli Constantinou; assistant project manager Kate Dulmaine; project manager Jeff Cameron; and senior project manager Michael Gaa.

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DiMella Shaffer's design of Loft23 received a Merit Award in the 2006 AIA New England Design Awards Program. Photo: Robert Benson Photography.

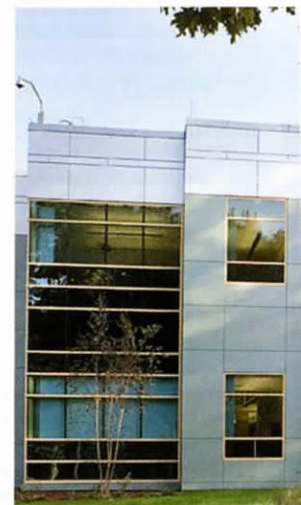


The Equity Residential Development at Emerson Place, designed by **Elkus/Manfredi Architects**, consists of five new buildings with 310 new residential units and two new below-grade parking structures. Rendering: Elkus/Manfredi Architects.



Flansburgh Architects has been awarded a Citation of Excellence for its design of William F. Stanley Elementary School. Photo: Robert Benson Photography.

James S. Thomas AIA designed the Luther Blount Shellfish Hatchery and Oyster Restoration Center for Roger Williams University in Bristol RI. Rendering: BKA Architects.



ARC/Architectural Resources two-story, 110,000-sf facility Photo: Warren Patterson.

The Architectural Team's historic renovation of The Apartments at Boott Mills in Lowell (at right) was recently honored with a J. Timothy Anderson ("Timmy") Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation by the National Housing and Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA). The firm's current work includes a new 160-unit waterfront apartment community in Chelsea's Admiral's Hill neighborhood. Photo: Bruce T. Martin.



Siemasko + Verbridge recently completed a private residence at The Bay Club, a member-owned country club community in historic Mattapoisett (above). The firm is featured in the November/December *Accent* magazine for its work on The Manor Reborn, a restored 1896 oceanfront estate. Photo: Eric Roth.



CUBE 3 Studio's current/recent work includes the design of the JPI Clubhouse at Hampton on Beacon Street (above) and the adaptive re-use and design for the conversion of a 40,000-sf historic mill building into new corporate headquarters for the Merrimack Valley Credit Union. Photo: Blind Dog Photo.



Cambridge recently completed Millipore Corporation's new R&D Center in Bedford. The houses open flexible bench labs, process labs, and adjacent specialty and support labs.



rauhaus freedenfeld & associates has designed the Institute of Veterinary Specialists in Gainesville FL, comprised of a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital and a telemedicine center serving veterinarians throughout the US. Rendering: Warren Freedenfeld AIA.



Wise Construction's recent work includes renovation of the Harvard Hill Library in Cambridge, construction of the ITA Software corporate office in Cambridge, and continued work at Harvard University (School of Public Health, Financial Aid Administration, Uchida Laboratory, William James Hall and Hawes Hall), Tufts Dental, Northeastern University DNA Laboratory, Hallmark Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Endeca, Reebok, Vista Print, LOCH Capital Management, Toth Brand Imaging, and Infosys Technologies.

Carol R. Johnson Associates' new and recent work includes highway/bridge design and engineering services for federal land management agencies as part of the Wilbur Smith Associates team, consulting to the City of Newton to refine the vision for Newton Centre and design landscape and open space improvements surrounding buildings being upgraded at One Kendall Square.

Truant Construction Managers' recent work includes the adaptive re-use of Harvard University's historic Dana Palmer House and renovations to Emerson Hall in Harvard Yard.

Erland Construction recently completed a 72,000-sf newspaper production plant for Seacoast Media Group in Portsmouth NH, which includes a Goss Magnum 2x2 Press, the first of its kind installed in the US.

Chapman Construction/Design's new work includes a 50,000-sf interior fit-up for Sterling Commerce in Lowell and a 3,000-sf addition to the historic Sudbury Grange Hall, including new electrical service, elevators, HVAC updates, plumbing, site work, and extensive concrete work.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin has been recognized (for the fifth time) by *CE News* as one of the "Best Civil Engineering



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Firms to Work For" in the US and as the 13th "Best Firm to Work For." The firm recently hosted its 15th Annual VHB-Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament at The Pinehills in Plymouth, which raised \$68,000 for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Richard White Sons' current work includes the renovation of Wyeth Research's Bioassay Laboratory with RE Dinneen Architects & Planners.

Advanced Signing's recent work includes interior sign standards for The Registry of Motor Vehicles administrative offices, Fidelity Investments in

Providence, exterior signage for Iron Mountain Digital in Southborough, interior/exterior sign standards development for AthenaHealth in Watertown MA, interior sign standards for Manulife Financial, and interior/exterior signage for EMC Corporation in Franklin.

R.W. Sullivan Engineering's recent/current projects include MIT building N52 NSTAR room, Partners IS expansion, Brigham & Women's Hospital Radiology Administration 3rd-floor ledge, Midcoast Medical Maine vertical expansion, Berklee College of Music at 939 and 1140 Boylston Street, William James Hall business offices at Harvard University,

Silver Hill Hospital and the Colony Inn, Mashpee Industrial Park and Legacy Place building B, cooling towers at One Exeter and One Devonshire Place, GSA ICE, Duggan Middle School pool study, iRobot in Bedford, UMass AECPC, Fidelity in Orlando Park IL, Rockport Chamber Music Festival, and Princeton Soccer Stadium.

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"Architectural Survey 2006/An Analysis of Key Industry Statistics"

is the latest edition of the annual survey of Boston-area architecture firms conducted by Tofias, a financial consulting and CPA firm in Cambridge. The report notes "The industry turnaround has apparently begun...[in 2005] firms increased both their direct hours and revenues (net fee income) for the first time since the year 2000...firms substantially increased their direct labor utilization rate by approximately 3.5 percentage points...the continued strong billing multiple [is] at slightly over three times direct labor." Time statistics, profit per direct hour, overhead rates per direct hour, operational averages, balance sheet ratios and average accounts receivable are among the issues addressed. For a copy of the 22-page report, call Tofias at 888-761-8835.

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A smart growth agenda for the new administration



BSA members have been involved in getting many key projects in Boston and around the state off the ground. Architects realize that housing, jobs, transportation, and the natural environment are interconnected and that sometimes they are coordinated in a single project. On a regional scale, that connection is even more pronounced. Where homes are built affects available open space, a new office park reshapes transportation patterns, and water shortages can limit new development.

Recently, much attention has been given to Boston's out-migration; young families, college graduates, and even retirees are moving out of the area due to high housing costs. Even with the softening of the market, homes are still out of range for many individuals. Affordable housing needs to remain a front-and-center goal for everyone in the building industry; however, just constructing housing without considering the long-term effects could actually undermine our region's economic competitiveness over the longer term. A recent study by the Center for Housing Policy discovered that transportation actually eats up more of working families' paychecks than housing. And a finding by the Boston Consulting Group points out that access to outdoor activities is the second most important reason (just behind job availability) that recent college graduates decide to stay or leave the state.

What we build next and where we build it will not only affect the cost of living, but also several other state issues such as local aid needs, property taxes, and transportation—many which were addressed during the recent gubernatorial campaign. We encourage the new Patrick Administration to work with the legislature on the kind of reforms that will preserve our regional competitiveness.

Enact zoning reforms and local incentives that remove impediments to affordable housing, encourage towns to recreate traditional New England villages, and protect ecologically important land. The state's antiquated zoning law and its municipal finance system hardwires in sprawl development. Land-consuming show houses are built on large lots that used to be virgin greenfields, which is a wasteful and exclusionary way to build. Meanwhile, cities and towns feel hamstrung into absorbing growth they cannot afford. Massachusetts needs a suite of zoning reforms and rewards for towns that "grow smart" so that they can retain the funds necessary to provide local services.

Fund our crumbling transportation system. The state's roads, bridges, and public transit system are in a dire condition. Transit ridership is declining as riders abandon dirty and behind-schedule trains and buses. And, at the same time, some public transit expansions are mandated by the Big Dig air-quality commitments. Potholes and decrepit roads and bridges need to be repaired to improve safety and ease travel. The legislature needs to find a

combination of cost savings and new revenue sources to improve our transportation systems. We must examine all of the options presented by neutral experts and craft a solution that maintains what we have while affording us some modest expansions.

Raise the bond cap by \$250 million to reinvest in our public infrastructure. After years of steady decline in the conditions of the state's parks, public transportation system and affordable housing, it is time to reinvest in the state's infrastructure, which is critical to providing residents with economic opportunities and a higher quality of life. Recent estimates show that we can afford an increase in the debt the state takes on each year, and that we can afford to invest about \$250 million per year without harming our state's bond rating.

None of these issues stands alone—many of the Commonwealth's economic, ecological, and social equity problems are intertwined. As the state's infrastructure is flung farther and farther from traditional urban and suburban centers, local aid dollars are demanded.

Governor Patrick, along with leaders in the legislature, needs to encourage employers to locate in places where people already live, build affordable homes near public transportation, and preserve the parks, beaches, and forests that attract workers as well as tourists. Our housing, jobs, energy, environmental, and transportation issues must be addressed

together in order to meaningfully address the state's challenges.

Fortunately, Massachusetts has a long history of action and innovation upon which the Patrick Administration can build. We have pioneered many programs and incentives that other states recognize as critical elements of smart planning: industrial brownfields redevelopment, farm preservation, historic rehabilitation, and affordable housing. The task of ending the "silos" of government that have led to contradictory planning, turf wars, and wasted tax dollars should be continued by the new administration. Massachusetts is known across the country as a leader in smart growth and with commitment from the new governor to make tough, smart choices, we can live up to our national reputation and exceed expectations.

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